

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 30, 2005. Claims 71-75 and 77 are presented for examination, of which Claim 71 is in independent form. Claim 76 has been cancelled, and its subject incorporated into Claim 71; this action is taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. The dependency of Claim 77 has been amended accordingly. A substitute specification is submitted herewith, in both a marked and a clean version, to make formal changes to the specification and abstract, and in particular to conform the Summary Section to the claims as shown above; no new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 76 and 77 include allowable subject matter would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. In view of the incorporation of Claim 76 into Claim 71, from which all other claims in this application depend, it is believed that Claims 71-75 and 77 are all in condition for allowance.

This Amendment After Final Action places the present application in condition for allowance by cancelling all claimed subject matter other than that indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Therefore, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is believed proper and is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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